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NIGHTLEAD PLOT (SCHEDULED)

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HAVANA, CUBA, JAN 27 (REUTERS) - CUBA TODAY

ACCUSED PUERTO RICO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OF PLOTTING AGAINST ITS GOVERNMENT AND SUPPLYING BASES FOR U.S.-BACKED ATTACKS ON THE ISLAND BY CUBAN EXILES.

AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNIQUE ISSUED HERE FOLLOWING THE MONDAY ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CAPTURE OF EXILE LEADER ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO SAID THE "PRESIDENT OF SANTO DOMINGO" AUTHORIZED EXPEDITIONS FROM PUNTA PRESIDENTE NEAR THE HAITIAN BORDER AND OFFERED AIR AND SEA PROTECTION IF REQUIRED.

THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO SAID AN EXILE COMMUNICATION LINE FOR MEN AND ARMS EXISTED BETWEEN FLORIDA AND PUNTA PRESIDENTE VIA PLAYA JOYUDA IN PUERTO RICO.

IT SAID INTERROGATION OF MENOYO PROVED THAT AN ATTACK LAST YEAR ON THE SPANISH SHIP SERRA DE ARANZAZU WAS PREPARED BY A GROUP LED BY MANUEL ARMEZ WORKING DIRECTLY AT THE SERVICE OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FROM BASES THE ORGANIZATION SET UP AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN THE CARIBBEAN.

THE COMMUNIQUE CHARGED A DOMINICAN AIR COLONEL NAMED AS JUAN FOLCH WAS ATTACHED TO THE PUNTA PRESIDENTE EXILE BASE BY THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT.

IT CLAIMED THERE WERE NOW ABOUT 25 "MERCENARIES" THERE WHO WERE TO HAVE INFILTRATED INTO CUBA IN GROUPS OF FOUR BETWEEN JAN. 10 AND 20 BUT WERE PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY MENOYO'S CAPTURE WHEN RADIO CONTACT WAS BROKEN OFF.

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IT SAID MENOYO AND THREE "ARMED ENEMY AGENTS" ALSO CAPTURED HAD MADE COMPLETE CONFESSIONS. IT LISTED THE NAMES OF THE OTHER 25.

IT SAID THEY HAD ASSEMBLED AN ARMORY THERE OF 300 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES, 20 ENGLISH ENFIELD RIFLES, TWO MACHINES GUNS AND 30 OTHER GUNS AS WELL AS 25,000 CARTRIDGES.

ALL THESE WERE PURCHASED IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPLIED FURTHER ARMS, IT SAID. FOR TRANSPORT THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THEY HAD A FAST LAUNCH.

IT CLAIMED MENOYO HAD WITH HIM A RADIO TRANSMITTER AND A RECEIVER AND HIS GROUP HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH A DOMINICAN GENERAL NAMED AS ATTILA LUNA.

ONE EXILE GROUP WAITING TO LEAVE PLAYA JOYUDA FOR PUNTA PRESIDENTE HAD THEIR HOUSE OCCUPIED AND EQUIPMENT SEIZED BY PUERTO RICAN POLICE, IT SAID.

BUT IT ADDED THAT "AT THE INTERVENTION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE COLONIAL PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT NO MEASURES WERE TAKEN. THUS ALLOWING THE MERCENARIES TO LEAVE."